

The 2014 Hoosier Traction Meet

What is it? When? and Where?

On Friday–Saturday, September 5–6 in quiet western Indianapolis, the 31st HOOSIER TRACTION MEET is an annual educational conference recognizing mass transportation, especially electrically powered rail-based systems for urban and regional mobility in the past, present and future. Place-specific presentations typically focus on transit in IL, IN, IA, KY, MI, MN, MO, western NY, OH, ON, PA, WV or WI. Discussion of technologies or trends may draw examples from anywhere in North America or beyond.

What is the format? The Meet includes two aspects:

- 1 Anyone can visit the **exhibition** for free Friday 12 NOON–10 PM and Saturday 8 AM–4 PM EDT. Exhibitors offer items illustrating the principles and nature of mass transportation systems: photos, books, miniature models, timetables and other collectibles.
- 2 The hotel's 150-seat theatre-style auditorium hosts 10 different **audio-visual presentations**, some repeated to increase capacity (see the opposite panel). Speakers provide live narration along with photos or maps. Media and format may vary.

What is the cost for the auditorium sessions? You can purchase a ticket onsite for \$40 (cash, check or money order) valid for your admission to any or all auditorium presentations (subject to the theatre occupancy limit). You can select which sessions to attend and when to take meal breaks. *The same privileges now are half price by mail.* Please make check or money order for **\$19.50** payable to **Hoosier Traction Meet, Inc.** and mail in ample time to **Roy G. Benedict, 3511 N. Pittsburgh Ave., Chicago IL 60634-2837.**

What are the accommodations? Again our location is the *Clarion Hotel*, a no-smoking convention center at 2930 Waterfront Parkway West Dr., Indianapolis IN 46214. The Clarion offers rooms, if you guarantee your reservation with a major credit card or prepay by **August 10**, at a special rate (single or double) of \$72 per night plus tax. Call (317) 299-8400, 8 AM–5 PM EDT weekdays, ask for Group Sales, and mention the *Hoosier Traction Meet*.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From the west leg of I-465, the expressway belt around Indianapolis, take Exit 16A. At the first traffic signal go west onto U. S. 136, then drive 0.4 miles to the *second* Waterfront Parkway and turn right. The Clarion is in sight across the fields.

2014 auditorium sessions and speakers

Friday–Saturday, September 5–6

- Adjustments are possible. An updated Schedule of Events will be distributed at the greeters' table.
- You can personalize your meal breaks by skipping a "prepeat," a "repeat," or another session.
- Sessions typically last 1 to 1½ hours. "Stretch your legs" breaks (about 30 minutes) between most sessions.
- Last scheduled session ends about 10:30 PM Friday, 10 PM Saturday.

EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

Fr 9:30 AM only: **Chicago south suburban transit.** "Million Mile" operator **JOHN LEBEAU** tells us how the mass transportation needs of this large region have been met over the decades to the present.

Fr 11:30 AM prepeat, **Fr 3:30 PM** repeat: **Buckeye State samplings.** **KEN SCHRAMM** and **RICHARD ANDREWS** provide a look at various streetcar and other electric railway operations throughout Ohio.

Fr 1:30 PM prepeat, **Fr 5:30 PM** repeat: **Sesquicentennial of Indianapolis transit.** **DAVID MILLER** commemorates local transportation in the Meet's hometown, where track construction began 150 years ago.

Fr 7:30 PM only: **Current transit industry news, pt. 1** } Two different
Fr 9:30 PM only: **Current transit industry news, pt. 2** } sessions narrated by **CHARLES BOGART**, author of histories of streetcar systems in numerous Kentucky localities.

Sa 8:30 AM only: **Cleveland via Erie to Buffalo by trolley.** Author **KEN SPRINGIRTH** shows how you once could travel by interurban trolley routes along half the length of the Lake Erie shore—plus a side trip from Westfield (N. Y.) to Sheffield (Pa.). His 21 books include both railroad and trolley subjects.

Sa 10:30 AM prepeat, **Sa 4:30 PM** repeat: **Chicago's North Side 'L'.** **BRUCE G. MOFFAT** recounts its development, beginning with Charles Yerkes' battle with the city to extend rapid transit into the north side, followed by upgrading a steam railroad to extend 'L' trains into the suburbs. Also covered: Joint operations with steam-powered freights, electric interurbans, and the 'L's own electric freight.

Sa 12:30 PM prepeat, **Sa 6:30 PM** repeat: **Minneapolis–St. Paul streetcars.** **AARON ISAACS**, an author of *Twin Cities by Trolley*, tells us about past local transit in the Minnesota conurbation.

Sa 2:30 PM only: **A railfan's tour of the last three streetcar lines in Indianapolis.** **MARTY BIEMER** and **KEN HOUSER** present still photos depicting the final months of streetcar operation in the Hoosier State. Born, living and attending school along streetcar streets in Indianapolis, Ken began railroad and streetcar photography in 1943.

Sa 8:30 PM only: **A ride on the Lake Shore Electric.** **EARL W. CLARK** escorts us along the other half the length of Lake Erie—from Cleveland to Toledo—aboard one of the last classic interurban railways.

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AUDITORIUM ADMISSION TICKETS
 ← How many persons attending any or all auditorium sessions (subject to occupancy limit) **Now 1/2 price preregistration, \$19.50 per person \$**

Names of the others, if more than one person will attend sessions

TABLES FOR YOUR EXHIBIT
 ← How many tables (maximum 3 tables per exhibitor). Please enclose a description of your product line (up to 25 words including your name). Compliant with Indianapolis–Marion County code, Title IV, Chapter 951, Article III, space is **not** made available to exhibitors for the sale, exchange, or purchase of used or second hand goods. Table price **does not** include any auditorium admissions. **\$20 per table \$**

Names of the others, if more than one person will staff tables

Prefer table by Exhibitors need ADA space Need electricity

TOTAL ENCLOSED Mail your registration now for the half price! → \$

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